

House Resolution No. 4482

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of seven awe inspiring and wondrous decades has passed since Claude William Estes lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Arvella Alberta Rhodes, during a solemn ceremony on November 23, 1938, at the County Courthouse in Jackson, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the many years since that heavenly day, Claude and Arvella Estes have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Carol Craft, Wayne Estes, Ronald Estes, and Wanda Devenport; twelve grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Claude Estes has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring after a successful forty-two-year endeavor as a farmer, carpenter, and millwright; being a forty-two-year member of the Masonic Lodge; and being a volunteer at the Veterans Home; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Arvella Estes further distinguished herself by serving twenty-five years as Secretary of Gravel Hill Methodist Church; and

Whereas, during their seventy incredible years together, Claude and Arvella Estes have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Estes of Jackson will commemorate the truly resplendent occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on November 15, 2008, at the First General Baptist Church in Jackson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Claude and Arvella Estes and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Claude William Estes, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Billy Pat Wright
District No. 159

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4482, adopted October 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker